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## Corps set to renew unexploded ordnance removal project

**DUCK, North Carolina**—Taking advantage of low off-season traffic flow, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue an explosive ordnance removal project on the Outer Banks. Project work will resume on or about February 1<sup>st</sup>, and will continue for about eight weeks.

The Corps is removing unexploded ordnance from an area on the Outer Banks formerly used by the U.S. Navy. The Duck Bombing and Rocket Target Range, located about 60 miles south of Norfolk, Virginia, is now being used as a research facility by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station.

When complete, the project will have cleared 3.28-acre area adjacent to State Route 12, excavating to a depth of four feet wherever magnetometers read an anomaly—that is, a signal that could indicate unexploded ordnance. Two other areas, totaling 76.35 acres, will be cleared to a depth of one foot, using magnetometer sweep and dig techniques. The contractor, Human Factors Applications, Inc. (HFA) is working under the supervision of the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Alabama. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, is serving as project manager.

Since unexploded ordnance will be detonated in place by the contractors, safety may require limitations on public access to the work area at some times during the project. Safety measures are being coordinated with local officials.

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